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SERIAL NO. : 10/597,396
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Sir:

It is requested that the *Combination Oath, Declaration and Power of Attorney* submitted herewith be joined up with the papers previously filed in this application.

It is requested that the surcharge of \$130.00 for the filing of the *Declaration* be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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Respectfully submitted,

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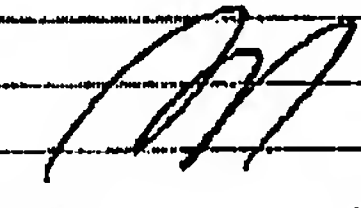
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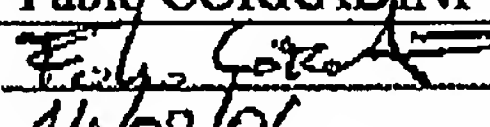
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